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Application No.: 10/076,458

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Title

: A CIRCUIT BOARD TESTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

TESTING A CIRCUIT BOARD

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 22, 2003

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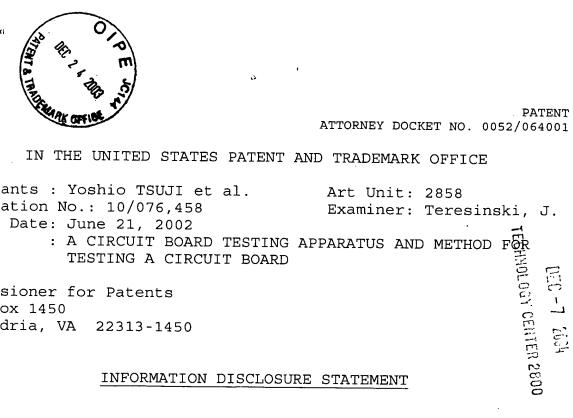
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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Please note that two Japanese references are discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the specification. Please also note that the English language translations of these Japanese references are also enclosed. Please note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translation may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text. English language abstracts of these Japanese references are also enclosed. Please note that U.S. Patent No. 5,517,110 is the English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-278342.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

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